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SUBJ: HEINEMANN VISIT TO ITALY

1. SUMMARY: AS FORESEEN, MARCH 21-22 STATE VISIT TO ITALY OF FRG PRES HEINEMANN GAVE FIRST PLACE TO CEREMONY AND COURTEOUS EXCHANGES. DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANCE BETWEEN HEINEMANN AND PRES LEONE AND PRIMIN ANDREOTTI, AND BETWEEN TWO FONMINS, CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON GENERAL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. TALKS ON BILATERAL PROBLEMS WERE INCONCLUSIVE. BOTH SIDES PLEASED WITH ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT WHICH ENDED WITH ACCEPTANCE BY LEONE OF INVITATION TO VISIT FRG AT TIME TO BE ESTABLISHED. FOLLOWING END OF OFFICIAL PORTION OF VISIT, HEINEMANN MET WITH UNION OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS-CONFIDENTIAL

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MEN TO DISCUSS ITALIAN WORKERS IN GERMANY (MARCH 23), TRAVELED TO RAVENNA AND VENICE ON PRIVATE TOUR (MARCH 24) AND MET WITH POPE

(MARCH 26). END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING FONOFF OFFICIAL, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING HEINE-MANN VISIT WERE LIMITED TO ONE HOUR BETWEEN FONMINS MEDICI AND SCHEEL AND TWO HOURS BETWEEN FULL DELS INCLUDING TWO PRESIDENTS PLUS FONMINS. MEDICI- SCHEEL CONVERSATION FOCUSSED ON THREE BILATERAL MATTERS FOLLOWED BY MEDICI' S REPORT ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA WHICH GERMANS FOUND INTERESTING IN VIEW OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT' S SCHEDULED VISIT TO BELGRADE IN APRIL. DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL MATTERS TOUCHED ON CONTROVERSY OVER GERMAN EFFORT TO ACQUIRE DESIRABLE HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR NEW GERMAN EMBASSY IN ROME, GERMAN BID FOR ROME POWER STATION AND COLOR TELEVISION. MEDICI SIDESTEPED FIRST TWO ISSUES BY ASSERTING THAT DECISIONS RESTED WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES. ON TELEVISION QUESTION, MEDICI SAID THAT GOI HAD NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND AS BETWEEN GERMAN PAL AND FRENCH SECAM SYSTEMS BUT THAT DECISION WOULD BE REACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FULL DEL TALKS WERE LED OFF BY SCHEEL WHO REVIEWED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO GERMANIES, NOTING THAT GDR STILL TAKES RESTRICTIVE POSITION REGARDING NEW TIES WHILE BONN IS PUSHING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IN ALL FIELDS WITH AN EYE TOWARD UNIFICATION AT SOME OPPORTUNE POINT IN THE DISTANT FUTURE. SCHEEL NEXT TURNED TO US- USSR RELATIONS AND POINTED OUT THAT TWO SUPER POWERS HAVE DIFFERENT OPERATING CONCEPTS OF WORLD STRATEGICAL SITUATION. CITING KISSINGER, SCHEEL SAID THAT US POLICY NOW BASED ON PENTAPOLAR WORLD WHILE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO SEE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AS SPECIAL PRESERVE FOR US- USSR BILATERALISM. IN CONTEXT OF THESE VIEWS, EUROPE' S INTEREST IS TO WORK TOWARD UNIFICATION WHICH DEPENDS HEAVILY ON TEARING DOWN IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

4. ON CSCE, SCHEEL SPOKE STRONGLY AGAINST MEASURES WHICH WOULD LEGITIMIZE SOVIET MILITARY CONQUESTS. PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS SHOULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER PRINCIPLE ON NON- USE OF FORCE. EUROPEAN SECURITY MUST BE BASED NOT ON SOVIET MODEL BUT ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES, IDEAS, ETC. COEXISTENCE SHOULD BE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, PARTICULARLY UN CHARTER, BUT NOT ON SPECIALLY- CREATED EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL LAW. ITALIANS AGREED WITH THESE VIEWS AND PARTICULARLY SCHEEL' S REMARKS FAVORING GREATER CONFIDENTIAL

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EAST- WEST CONTACTS AND OPPOSING THE CREATION OF SPECIAL BODY OF EUROPEAN LAW.

5. TURNING TO MBFR, SCHEEL SAID FRG FAVORED REDUCTION OF STATIONED FORCES ONLY AS FIRST STEP FOLLOWED AT LATER POINT BY REDUCTION OF INDIGENOUS FORCES IF SUFFICIENT TRUST HAD BEEN ENGENDERED AND CONDITIONS RIPE. FOCUS FOR THE PRESENT MUST REMAIN ON CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH SHOULD REDUCE PRESSURE ON FLANKS. MEDICI CONCURED ON QUESTION OF STATIONED FORCES AND CENTRAL EUROPE VENUE AND ADDED

THAT US TROOP REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED AND PHASED IN ORDER TO AVOID ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSIONS IN WEST.

6. DISCUSSION ON US- EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RELATIONS CENTERED CHIEFLY ON NEED FOR CONTINUING AND INSTITUTIONALIZED DIALOGUE, ESPECIALLY IN COMMERCIAL AND MONETARY MATTERS, TO WHICH BOTH SIDES SUBSCRIBED. SCHEEL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF US PRESENCE IN EUROPE FOR SECURITY REASONS, PARTICULARLY IN AREA OF NUCLEAR DEFENSE. REVIEW OF MID-EAST SITUATION REVEALED CLOSE IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON URGENT NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARD SOLUTION OF ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT.

7. ON CHINA, SCHEEL NOTED THAT PEKING FAVORS UNIFICATION OF EUROPE NOT ONLY AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO USSR BUT AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING CHINESE ECONOMY. ITALIANS AGREED AND IN TURN NOTED THAT ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA REPRESENTED SPECIAL AREAS FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN INTEREST. MEDICI PROPOSED THAT GOI AND FRG CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF JOINT ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. FONOFF SOURCE INDICATED THAT ATMOSPHERICS WERE VERY WARM AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT VISIT. HE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROBLEMS OR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY EXCEPT WITH REGARD US- EC RELATIONS PARA 6 ABOVE, BUT ATTRIBUTED LATTER OMISSION TO FACT THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED ON FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SOURCE HAD NOTHING ON LEONE- HEINEMANN PRIVATE TALKS BUT ASSUMED THEY CONTAINED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE BEYOND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF LEONE VISIT TO GERMANY WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED AT END OF VISIT FOR UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE. BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN HEINEMANN AND ANDREOTTI, ACCORDING SOURCE, TOUCHED ONLY SUPERFICIALLY ON QUESTIONS OF ITALIAN WORKERS IN FRG, MBFR, WORLD ENERGY SITUATION, AND NEED TO MAINTAIN STRONG NATO DEFENSE POSTURE IN ORDER TO PURSUE DETENTE PATH WITH EAST.

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9. RESULTS OF HEINEMANN DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF OFFICIAL PORTION OF VISIT ARE AS YET UNKNOWN TO FONOFF SOURCE. VISIT TO VATICAN WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

10. CONVERSATION WITH GERMAN POL COUNSELOR CONFIRMED ABOVE IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, ADDING ONLY THAT PROBLEM OF COL KAPPLER, SERVING LIFE SENTENCE IN GAETA FOR ARDEATINE CAVES MASSACRE, WAS RAISED BY HEINEMANN IN CONVERSATION WITH LEONE. ACCORDING SOURCE, LEONE FRANKLY SAID THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION. (I. E. THE ITALIANS ARE NOT PREPARED TO FACE THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL FLAK THEY WOULD EXPECT WERE KAPPLER TO BE AMNESTIED.) SOURCE ALSO REMARKED THAT GERMANS WERE HORRIFIED TO DISCOVER, AFTER DATES FOR VISIT WERE SET, THAT VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH ANNIVERSARY (29 TH) OF ARDEATINE MASSACRE. GERMANS WERE VERY MUCH RELIEVED BY EXCELLENT PRESS RECEIVED BY HEINEMANN WHEN HE PAID HIS RESPECTS TO VIC-

TIMS BY VISIT TO MUNUMENTAL SITE JUST 48 HOURS BEFORE ANNIVERSARY
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